Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The health and well-being of all humans are of utmost importance to the prosperity and livelihood of families and communities worldwide; and,

Whereas, Optimal nutrition is of vital significance in the early months and years of life and has a lifelong impact on sustained health; and,

Whereas, Exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months of life and continued breastfeeding, along with the addition of appropriate complementary feeding at six months and beyond, ensures that both mothers and infants receive maximum health benefits; and,

Whereas, Breast milk is physiologically tailored to meet infants' maturing digestive systems, ensuring proper growth and development; and,

Whereas, Breast milk helps prevent a variety of illnesses and many chronic diseases, including SIDS, diarrhea, asthma, diabetes, obesity, and certain childhood cancers; and,

Whereas, Keeping breastfeeding high on the public health agenda is critical to improving the health and well-being of mothers and babies in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, World Breastfeeding Week 2015 is a time to recognize the importance of increasing and sustaining the protection, promotion, and support of breastfeeding and to celebrate the 2015 theme, "BREASTFEEDING AND WORK – Let's make it work!":

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 1-7, 2015, as

BREASTFEEDING AWARENESS WEEK

in South Dakota, and I encourage all South Dakotans to support breastfeeding as a high priority for healthier babies in our state.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State